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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for National Estimates

THROUGH: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Implementation of Killian Report, NSC Action 1430:
Specific Recommendation C.4

1. By virtue of its action on 4 August 1955 (number 1430) the NSC "noted that the responsible agencies have concurred either in full or with qualifications in the following recommendations and will implement them as indicated in the comments." The comments as far as this Agency is concerned have been embodied in a memorandum from the DCI to Executive Secretary of the NSC dated 6 June 1955 under the subject of "NSC Action 1355" (TS #103738).

2. Specific Recommendation C.4 of the Killian Report reads as follows:

"We need to examine intelligence data more broadly, or to invent some new technique, for the discovery of hoaxes. As a first step, we recommend a National Intelligence Estimate, with adequate safeguards, of our success in keeping secret our most useful techniques of intelligence. This estimate would suggest the extent to which an enemy might be manipulating the information obtained through these sources."

This recommendation is one with regard to which CIA has full responsibility for study and report to the NSC. Within CIA it falls within the responsibilities of ONE. It is presumed that you will conduct any necessary inter-Agency coordination. If any assistance is desired from this Office, please consult [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

3. In order that the Director may be prepared as necessary to report to the NSC on action taken to implement the Killian Report, I would appreciate receiving a statement by 1 April 1956 of progress on this recommendation.

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